

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-182

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Northampton



Address 108 State St.

Name W. Cooney House

Present use residence

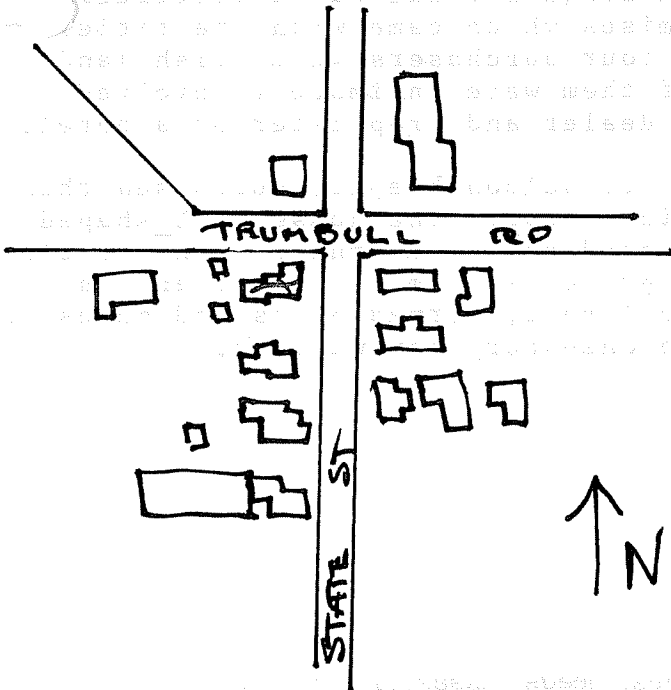
Present owner Herbert and Miriam Leader

Description:

1883-84

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

1. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William E. Cooney

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This house was built on lot no. 2 of the Talbot estate subdivision. The Talbot house was on the west side of Prospect St., but the front grounds extended down the hill to the old New Haven-Northampton Canal. This was later filled in and became State St. In 1882, a plan was filed to subdivide the land between Prospect St. and State St., and building lots were sold for \$500. The four lots on State St. all had a restriction against intoxicating beverages on the premises which came with the title. This at first might seem strange, but all four purchasers were Irish (and this might seem prejudicial) but three of them were intimately involved with liquor, as a saloon keeper, a liquor dealer and proprietor of a hotel.

William Cooney, a Pleasant St. saloon keeper, purchased this lot in 1883 and had this house built within a year. The house is L-shaped and has a two-story tower with flaring Mansard roof and ornate iron cresting in the crook of the L. A 3/4 round porch projects from the tower and is one story in height with low-pitched conical roof, turned posts and balustrade. Both of the street sides of the house have one-story bay windows.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 385-P. 535, 381-131, 375-350.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86.